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**BOARD OF SPEECH PATHOLOGISTS,
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PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES:	Board of Speech Pathologists, Audiologists, and Hearing Aid Dispensers
MEETING DATE AND TIME:	Tuesday, December 9, 2014 at 2:00 p.m.
PLACE:	861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover, Delaware Conference Room B , second floor of the Cannon Building
MINUTES APPROVED:	01/20/2015

MEMBERS PRESENT

Meredith Sullivan, Professional Member, President, Presiding
Tonya Coats, Professional Member, Secretary
Dr. Mary Ann Connolly-Gaskin, Professional Member
William Doolittle, Public Member
Lisa Marencin, Professional Member
Brian Whitaker, Public Member
Kirsten Wolfington, Public Member
Dr. Jennifer Xenakes, Professional Member

DIVISION STAFF

Eileen Kelly, Deputy Attorney General
Gayle MacAfee, Deputy Director
Jessica Williams, Administrative Specialist II

MEMBERS ABSENT

Heather Smith, Professional Member

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Sullivan called the meeting to order at 2:18 p.m.

REVIEW OF MINUTES

Meeting Minutes – October 21, 2014

The Board reviewed the meeting minutes from the October 21, 2014 meeting. Dr. Xenakes made a motion, seconded by Ms. Coats, to approve the minutes as written. Motion unanimously carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Review Final Draft of Proposed Statutory Changes Regarding Hearing Aid Dispensers

Dr. Connolly-Gaskin provided a brief synopsis of the proposed statutory changes. Ms. Kelly advised the Board that, according to the Hearing Loss Association of America, only 11 states have Board authority

regarding disputes between patients and hearing aid dispensers. The Board was advised that the Office of Consumer Affairs would typically handle return policy issues. Dr. Connolly-Gaskin advised the Board that although the proposal would create stricter education requirements, the education is required as the hearing aid dispensers are providing a delivery of healthcare. Thus it is incumbent to ensure that the licensees have the proper education and training.

Mr. Whitaker discussed his concerns with the educational requirements. He advised the Board that several technical high schools offer nursing or healthcare courses. Ms. Coats advised Mr. Whitaker, that many of those courses are transferrable to the college level.

Ms. Kelly advised the Board that there are changes to the scope of practice for hearing aid dispensers. She reported that the federal code is reiterated within the scope of practice. Mr. Doolittle voiced his concerns regarding the specificity of the scope of practice.

Ms. Marencin made a motion, seconded by Dr. Xenakes, to approve the proposed statutory changes with modifications. The modifications would include striking the return policy, placing a one year enactment date, and a grandfathering provision for individuals who are currently licensed. Motion unanimously carried.

Continued Discussion Regarding Telepractice

The Board reviewed the proposed regulations regarding telepractice, for the Board of Physical Therapists and Athletic Trainers. Ms. Sullivan reported that the most current issue of the ASHA Leader magazine addresses telepractice and reported that the services being offered are primarily school based. Mr. Whitaker voiced his opposition regarding telepractice, as he believes it is valuable for the licensee to see a patient face to face. Ms. Wolfington echoed Mr. Whitaker's concerns, as many adolescent patients are autistic, and it is imperative for the patient to develop a relationship with the provider.

Ms. Marencin moved, seconded by Mr. Doolittle, to establish a Committee to further discuss telepractice. Motion unanimously carried. Mr. Whitaker, Mr. Doolittle, Ms. Coats, Ms. Sullivan, and Ms. Marencin volunteered to be on the Committee. The Committee meeting will be scheduled for Tuesday, January 20, 2015, at 1:00 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

Ratification of Permanent Speech Pathologist Applications

Dr. Xenakes made a motion, seconded by Dr. Connolly-Gaskin, to ratify the following permanent speech pathologist applications, as all applicants have met the requirements for licensure. Motion unanimously carried.

Amanda Brath	David Carr	Nicole Evans	June Farley	Elizabeth Gebbie
Sarah Hyers	Cynthia Hoyle	Diane Hudak	Erin O'Donnell	

Ratification of Temporary Speech Pathologist Application

Dr. Connolly-Gaskin made a motion, seconded by Dr. Xenakes, to ratify the following temporary speech pathologist applications, as the applicants have met the requirements for licensure. Motion unanimously carried.

Christina Magliulo	Claire Munshi
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Ratification of Hearing Aid Dispenser Application

Dr. Xenakes made a motion, seconded by Dr. Connolly-Gaskin, to ratify the following hearing aid dispenser application for permanent licensure, as the applicant has met the requirements for licensure. Motion unanimously carried.

Emma Brown

Review of Permanent Speech Pathologist Applications (Full Board Review Required)

Ms. Coats made a motion, seconded by Mr. Whitaker, to approve the following permanent speech pathologist applications, as all applicants have met the requirements for licensure. Motion unanimously carried.

Ann Bull	Brooke Crenshaw	Samantha Dommermuth	Kelly Files	Jessica Fustine
Kate Schmitt	Kelsie Ward			

Continuing Education – Review of Submitted Activities

Dr. Xenakes made a motion, seconded by Ms. Marencin to approve, deny, or table the following continuing educational activities as noted below. Motion unanimously carried.

Licensee: Jennifer Blackford **Approved**
Sponsor: Christiana Care
Activity: A Review of the Literature: Severe Aphasia and Clinical Outcomes
Contact Hours: 1.0 CS

Licensee: Christine Cook **Approved**
Sponsor: Christiana Care
Activity: How to Clinically Appraise a Research Article and Answer Your Clinical Question
Contact Hours: 1.0 PG

Licensee: Christine Cook **Approved**
Sponsor: Christiana Care
Activity: How to Develop Clinical Questions and Search for Answers to Your Questions
Contact Hours: 1.0 PG

Licensee: Christine Cook **Approved**
Sponsor: Christiana Care
Activity: Overview of Basic Research Principles
Contact Hours: 1.5 PG

Sponsor: Center for Disabilities Studies – University of Delaware **Approved**
Activity: SPEACS – Systematic Processes for Enhancing and Assessing Communication Supports
Contact Hours: 11.0 PG

Sponsor: Delaware Developmental Disabilities Council **Approved**
Activity: 2015 LIFE Conference
Contact Hours: 4.5 PG

Review Request for Extension of Temporary Licensure

The Board reviewed the request for an extension of temporary licensure for Caleb Grafton. Ms. Wolfington moved, seconded by Mr. Whitaker, to grant a six month extension. Motion unanimously carried.

Status of Complaints

The Board was advised that case 30-01-14 has been closed.

CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence.

OTHER BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD

Ms. Williams advised the Board that elections will be held during the January 2015 meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

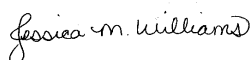
NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 20, 2015 at 2:00 p.m., in Conference Room B, second floor of the Cannon Building, 861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover, Delaware.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Marencin made a motion, seconded by Dr. Connolly-Gaskin, to adjourn the meeting. Motion unanimously carried. There being no further business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 3:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Jessica M. Williams
Administrative Specialist II